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The Hon. Seth W. Richardson
Chairman, Loyalty Review Board
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Richardson:

Reference is made to your letter of 23 December 1947, forwarding the statement, regulations, and directives of the Loyalty Review Board to executive agencies under the authority of Executive Order 9835.

On 16 April 1947, the Central Intelligence Group, created by Executive Directive of 22 January 1946, established a Personnel Loyalty Board prior to the official establishment of this Group as an Agency by the National Security Act of 1947. The structure of the Board and its procedures were discussed with representatives of the Civil Service Commission, who approved the administrative order issued by the Director, Central Intelligence Group. One case only was referred to that Board, and at the preliminary discussion of the case it was determined that there was insufficient evidence of disloyalty to the United States Government to warrant further consideration by the Board. The case was rejected without notification to the employee.

A study of the instructions forwarded by you indicate that the Central Intelligence Group loyalty directive, which was rescinded upon creation of this Agency, would need certain amendments to comply with your recommended procedures. Accordingly, we have drafted an order for the establishment of a new Loyalty Board for CIA, and we forward herewith the proposed composition and procedures for this Board for your review and approval or comment.

It is requested that three additional copies of your approved regulations and directives for the administration of the Federal employees' loyalty program under Executive Order 9835 be furnished this Agency.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Draft of proposed Loyalty Board procedures

cc: Exec For I&S, General Counsel, Chief Personnel Branch

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